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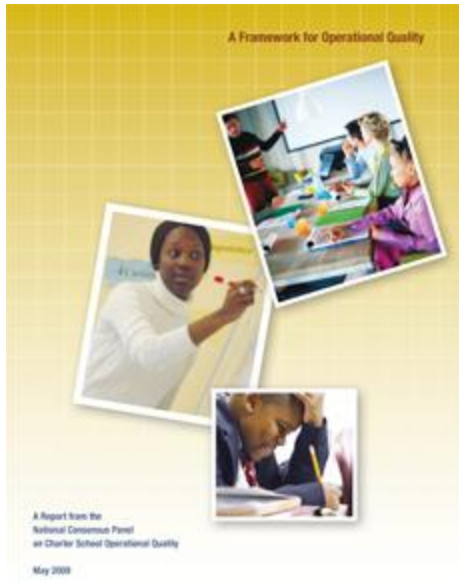
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## **Take Action for ALL STARS!**

Congressman Jared Polis (D-CO) has announced he plans to introduce bold new legislation - the All Students Achieving Through Reform (ALL-STAR) Act - to support public charter schools. Prioritizing areas with large numbers of traditional public schools not making AYP, the bill encourages the replication and expansion of successful charter schools in areas where there are often too few high quality public school options for children. With an estimated 365,000 children on charter school waiting lists, now is the time to respond to this demand and help grow our proven models. [Take action now to support this bill.](#)

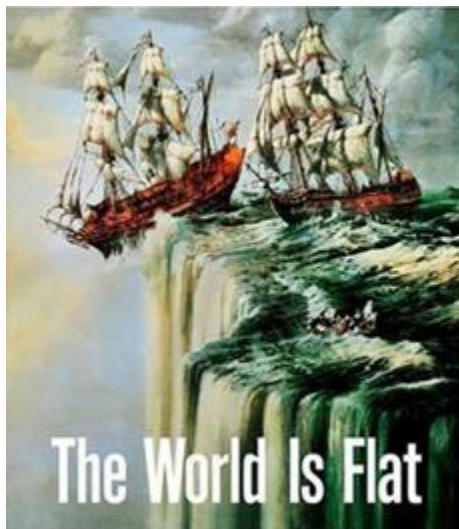
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## New Report Outlines Best Practices for Public Charter School Operations

The National Consensus Panel on Charter School Quality issued a new report today to help charter school leaders and support organizations create sound operational practices for success. The report, *A Framework for Operational Quality*, calls on public charter schools to maintain high standards for financial performance and sustainability, parent and community involvement, and governing board stewardship. The report is also designed to advise authorizers, philanthropists and lenders in monitoring the operations of high-quality public charter schools. National Alliance for Public Charter Schools President and CEO Nelson Smith said, "We encourage leaders to use this framework in conjunction with the previously published *Framework on Academic Quality* to establish a strong academic and operational foundation and then to build upon it with additional measures suitable for the mission of each individual school." The report is [available on-line here](#).

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## Debunking the Myths

Leaders of one charter school in New York took time out to hold a community meeting recently to debunk the myths about public charter schools. Take a look at some of the [common myths about charters and see what they had to say](#). Misinformation about charter schools is not uncommon and the most effect way to deal with it will always be to address it on the front lines. That's why staying in touch with the local community continues to be so vitally important for the charter school movement.

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## Education Secretary Arne Duncan Speaks Out Strongly Against Charter Caps

"The President and I have been very clear that having arbitrary caps on charters doesn't make sense," said Education Secretary Arne Duncan to an Indiana newspaper reporter last week. His goal, he explained, is to "get more children going to great schools. Not every charter is a great school. But where you have high-performing schools of any shape or size, we need to do more of those." So why is so difficult to stuff the cap movement in Indiana? Indiana's reigning "Journalist of the Year" Matthew Tully says, "When it comes to public education, common sense often flunks out in favor of union contracts, turf-protecting school administrators and the rest of the entrenched education establishment." [Get the full story on what's happening](#) in Indiana and why Secretary Duncan and President Obama are pushing to remove caps — everywhere.

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## TOMORROW, May 29 is the Last Day to Register for the National Charter Schools Conference and Save \$\$

The 9th Annual National Charter Schools Conference in Washington DC is less than a month away. [Register now and reserve your hotel room](#) by May 29 to ensure that you get the lowest price for lodging at one of our three official conference

hotels. The conference, June 21-24 at the Washington Convention Center, will welcome 3,000 participants and outstanding leaders such as U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, NYC Schools Chancellor Joel Klein and DC Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee. Take advantage of the 125 break-out sessions and 200 exhibits at the nation's largest gathering of charter school teachers, leaders and supporters.

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## Looking for a Job in the World of Charter Schools?

Look no farther than the [Public Charter Schools Job Board](#) for new positions advertised in New York, Philadelphia, Denver and many other cities and states around the country. The Job Board currently lists over 170 positions posted in the past 60 days. Not only are positions posted by employers, but job-seekers may also post their resumes for free. No other service exclusively lists as many charter school-related positions as the [Job Board](#). Our goal

is simply to connect the most highly-skilled administrators, principals, teachers and other professionals with the nation's best public charter school employers. Take a look and see!

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